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From: Commandant (G-MOA)

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Subj: RANDOM CHEMICAL TESTING OF PERSONS WITH SAFETY SENSITIVE

**POSITIONS** 

- 1. The purpose of this letter is to clarify the policy regarding random chemical testing of persons with safety sensitive duties employed onboard vessels such as riverboat gambling casinos.
- 2. All individuals employed onboard these types of vessels, including dealers, bartenders, game operators, and service personnel whose responsibilities include safety sensitive duties shall be enrolled in a drug testing program that meets the requirements found in 46 CFR Part 16. This includes being subject to random, unannounced chemical testing. Safety sensitive duties include, but are not limited to, directing and mustering passengers in emergencies, passing out lifejackets, and controlling and operating lifesaving and firefighting equipment.
- 3. Any questions concerning this policy should be addressed to LT Jennifer Ledbetter of my staff at (202) 267-0684.

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